



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Washington DC 20420

August 14, 2019

Mr. Jasper Craven  
Muckrock News  
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411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 9, 2018.

Specifically, you requested:

"All email communications between White House officials Darin Selnick, (a former Veteran Affairs Advisor at White House Domestic Policy Council <https://www.linkedin.com/in/darin-selnick-a0419b5/>), Marc Short, Drew Trojanowski and Jennifer Korn and staffers who, between October 1, 2017 and January 8, 2018 were serving in the following positions:

- Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs
- Under Secretary for Benefits
- Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration
- Chief Veterans Experience Officer
- VA Chief of Staff

"Please search for communications of these officials between October 1, 2017 and January 9, 2018 concerning Executive Order 13822 (detailed here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-executive-order-supportingveterans-transition-uniformed-service-civilian-life/>). Keywords include "13822," "mental health care," "Cohen," "transition," "draft," and "rollout. in which you requested "All email correspondence between top VA leadership—all 15 listed at the following link <https://www.va.gov/opa/bios/>— and officials at McDermott Will & Emery with emails ending in @mwe.com between Jan 20 and present day."

Your request was referred to the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs on **July 3, 2018**.

Your request has been assigned FOIA Tracking Number **18-09688-F**. Please refer to it whenever communicating with this office about your request.

Please be advised that no responsive records pertaining to your request were located within the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs.

Your request was processed by the undersigned. You may appeal the “no records” determination made in this response to:

General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

If you should choose to make an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the adverse determination. It must clearly identify the determination being appealed and must include any assigned request number.

The appeal should include:

1. The name of the FOIA Officer
2. The address of the component
3. The date of the component's determination, if any
4. The precise subject matter of the appeal

If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing.

The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response, if any. The appeal should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal”.

Sincerely,

**Regina Mack-Abney**  
**FOIA Officer**